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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA-E
STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD FISHERY SEASON CLOSING TO JIG GEAR
PARALLEL PACIFIC COD FISHERY SEASON OPENING TO JIG GEAR
EMERGENCY ORDER # 2-GF-E-09-12**

The Prince William Sound (PWS) Area E state-waters Pacific cod season will close to fishing with jig gear effective 12:00 noon June 10, 2012. A parallel Pacific cod season will open at 12:00 noon June 10, 2012 and close by emergency order when the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) closes the Pacific cod jig season in the federal Central Gulf of Alaska (CGOA) area.

Fishermen participating in the state-waters Pacific cod fishery must deliver their harvest within 24 hours of the closure and prior to participating in the parallel season. In addition, fishermen are reminded that they must possess an ADF&G PWS 2012 non-exclusive area groundfish registration in order to participate in the PWS parallel Pacific cod fishery

A vessel may only be registered to fish with a single gear type, and **a vessel may not simultaneously participate in a state-waters season and any other concurrent Pacific cod season, including those in adjacent federal waters.**

Bycatch, in aggregate, may not exceed 20% by weight of the directed groundfish species aboard a vessel. Regulation 5 AAC 28.265 requires that all rockfish be retained and any rockfish in excess of the 10% bycatch allowance be reported as a bycatch overage on a fish ticket with the proceeds surrendered to the state. Lingcod may not be retained prior to the opening of the directed fishery on July 1, 2012.

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